



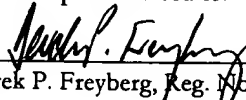
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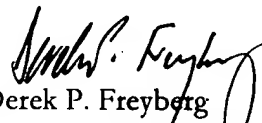
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1. Response to Office Action

A return postcard is enclosed for the office to acknowledge receipt.

Applicants hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to respond to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, for one month. The fee of \$55 is enclosed by check. Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641, referring to 25658-0002. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, which Office Action was made final, and for which a one-month extension of the period for response is requested and the fee paid in the enclosed transmittal so that the period expires on April 18, 2003, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 77 - 98, without prejudice to their re-presentation in a continuing application.

Amend claim 61 to read as follows:

61. (Twice amended) An implantable anti-infective medical device selected from the group consisting of catheters, prostheses, shunts, stents, and leadwires, comprising a solid polymeric matrix selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers and thermosetting polymers, containing within the matrix solid particles of an oxidant-producing component comprising a reducing agent and an oxidizing agent that, when wetted, causes the formation of an oxidant and sustained release of the thus-formed oxidant into and about the polymeric matrix so that the matrix serves as an anti-infective reservoir.